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Note verbale dated 25 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose a statement made by the official spokesman of the Government of India on the lifting of sanctions against South Africa (see annex), with the request that it be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

ANNEX

Statement made on 25 September 1993 by the official spokesman of the Government of India

The Government of India welcomes Mr. Nelson Mandela's announcement at the United Nations General Assembly on 24 September 1993 that irreversible progress towards a non-racial, democratic South Africa has been made. Simultaneously, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, after consulting member States, has determined that the conditions set out at the Harare Summit of 1991 have been fulfilled and trade and investment sanctions should now be lifted. In view of these encouraging developments, steps are being taken by the Government so that commercial and economic relations with South Africa are normalized.

All sides involved in the negotiation process have made their contribution, especially Mr. Mandela and President F. W. de Klerk, whose vision and perseverance have been crucial to the present outcome.

India recalls the long struggle of the people of South Africa to achieve human dignity and freedom. India has always stood firmly with them. India was the first to impose trade sanctions against South Africa, way back in 1946. Over the years, India has extended full support to the African National Congress and other liberation movements in South Africa.

As South Africa moves towards elections based on universal suffrage, India looks forward to a positive expansion in our mutual relations, which have been interrupted for so long and which have great prospects for the future.